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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNCATIONS CARRIER PURSUANT TO SECTION 214(e)(2) OF THE COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934 Docket No. T-03887A-03-0316

RESPONSE TO STAFF MOTION FOR AN ORDER ACCEPTING ALLTEL'S RELINQUISHMENT OF ITS ETC STATUS

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. hereby responds to Staff's Motion for an Order Accepting ALLTEL's Relinquishment of its ETC Status in Arizona.

ALLTEL agrees with Staff that, to the extent that it is still in place, the ETC designation for ALLTEL in Arizona that was conditionally awarded in Decision No. 67403 (the Designation) should be rescinded. Paragraphs 69 through 71 of the Designation in the section entitled "Conditional Approval" made the designation conditioned on ALLTEL accepting the Designation and meeting certain requirements set forth in Paragraph 72. ALLTEL submitted a letter on December 15, 2004, indicating that it was not able to meet the conditions of the Designation and therefore declined the Designation. ALLTEL believed that, upon the submission of the letter, the Designation was no longer effective.

ALLTEL understands that Commission Staff is concerned that the Designation may still be in effect. As noted above, ALLTEL is not contesting the formal rescission of the Designation based on its letter of December 15, 2004 but strongly believes that the facts and law do not support any additional findings related to whether or not the Company is in compliance with the conditions of ETC designation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED November (3, 2006. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 ORIGINAL + 13 COPIES of the foregoing filed November <u>13</u>, 2006, with: 10 ROSHKA DEWULF & PATTEN, PLC 11 **Docket Control** 12 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1200 West Washington 13 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 14 15 COPIES of the foregoing hand-delivered November 13th, 2006, to: 16 17 Teena Wolfe, Esq. ALJ, Hearing Division 18 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 19 1200 West Washington Phoenix, Arizona 85007 20 Maureen Scott 21 Legal Division 22 ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION 1200 West Washington 23 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 24 25

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